



Waratah Whispers

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Issue 78 Term 4 – Week 7

Friday 29th November 2019

Important Dates

Week 7

Friday 29th November: Support Unit – Shine Shed
K-2 Assembly

Week 8

Monday 2nd December: Year 6 Musical matinee
Tuesday 3rd December: Yr 6 High School transition
Wednesday 4th December: Year 6 Musical – evening
Thursday 5th December: Christmas Mufti Day
Friday 6th December: PSSA Ends

Week 9

Tuesday 10th December: Sport Presentation Day
Thursday 12th December: End of Year Presentation
Friday 13th December: Kindergarten Graduation
Choir Carols at Cooper St

Week 10

Monday 16th December: Year 6 Bowling
Tuesday 17th December: K-6 Big Day In
Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 18th December: Last Day of School 2019

Week 1 - Term 1 2020

Tuesday 28th January: Staff return to school
Wednesday 29th January: STUDENTS RETURN 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

What a lovely and busy week it has been!

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and thank all of our wonderful parent and community helpers at the school. On Wednesday we celebrated their work with a morning tea as a small token of our immense appreciation for all that they give and do for our students and school. From classroom helpers, to Scripture teachers, to fundraising and all the various P&C roles – it is the time and effort from these

volunteers that make us more than a school: they make us a community.

On Wednesday evening, the Hall was Alive with the Sound of Music! Yes, it was our annual Performing Arts Showcase and how wonderful to see our choir, dance groups, band and ukulele group combine to entertain us with a concert celebrating this year's pieces. Each of the groups has improved and developed over the year due to their regular practise, their commitment and their tutelage. Many thanks to our dance tutors from Groove Nation, our ukulele tutor Jarrod, Archie our band tutor and an extra special shout out to our teachers who support and organise the groups – Mrs Corben and Mrs Lancaster, Miss Deeth and Mrs Scarra. It is great that our students have such a range of extra-curricular activities to choose from and I am so pleased to see the support of our parents and community for these programs.

This week we have been able to send in our official application for approval as a Healthy Canteen, in line with new Department procedures. Thank you to Deidre and Phil for all their hard work and time put in to making all the necessary changes, updating and renewing the menu, coordinating new volunteers and smoothing out processes so that our 'new look' canteen will be ready for 2020.

I am pleased to announce that, as a result of a recent EOI process, Mrs. Tracey Read will be joining us next year on the autism transition class. As we farewell Mr. Kirkwood and send him off on his travels and adventures, we welcome Mrs. Read who will be working Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on class and Mrs. Attoui who will be on class each Friday. Mrs. Read comes to us with a wealth of special

education experience from Cecil Hills Public School and will make a wonderful addition to our team. Mrs. Attoui is well known and valued by our students and staff and will continue her work with our support classes.

Our first week of specific PBL focus: walking on hard surfaces, has been very successful. It hasn't taken students long to rise to the expectation and, with some positive reinforcers to help, we will soon start to see a reduction in trips, falls and injuries associated with running across the playground. We will continue to focus on this skill for another week – so keep reminding your children and we will keep handing out the tokens. I can't wait to see who the winning classes are on Monday at lines!

During the week the executive team and I interviewed and spoke with our newly elected student leadership group of eight. Each of the students should be proud of their election to the leadership team and, whatever the final outcome is for the various positions, I know that EPS will be well led by an enthusiastic and responsible group of students in 2020. I was very impressed with some of the well-considered and candid responses the candidates offered to our questions. Parents and families of each of the students involved should be extremely proud of the young people you have brought up: they are a credit to you.

Just a short note to thank everyone for their patience as we settle in to our new automated gate system. There have been some teething problems with the magnetic lock system and in getting the timings right but hopefully we have most of those sorted now. If there is an issue during school hours, please remember that our front gate and office is open so you can access the school this way if all else fails. The gates are now on automatic time release systems and are set to open at 8:45am and again at 3:10pm and then re-close at 9:20am and 3:30pm. OOSH access continues to be via Dernancourt Ave gate. Although it is difficult and frustrating when things don't immediately work as they should, these gates provide improved safety for our students and reliable access for parents and families in the mornings and afternoons.

Have a blingy weekend, everyone! It's Christmas Tree, lights and decoration time already.

Keep smiling. 😊

Sara Swift, Principal

Year 6 Musical Tickets

Our year 6 students have been busy rehearsing and putting the final touches to their upcoming performance 'Robin and His Sherwood Hoodies'. This is going to be a wonderful show and will be great fun for the whole family. Their performance is scheduled for Wednesday 4th December.

Tickets are on sale now by clicking the link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BGTMT>

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. There is no limit to the number of tickets sold per family. We anticipate the show will be a 'sell-out', so make sure you grab your tickets now!

ATTENTION CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE FAMILIES -

Please note that if any children wish to and are eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2020 at St John Bosco Parish, Engadine, parents/carers must register them via the parish website -- www.bosco.org.au (Under Sacramental Life) between **1 January 2020 and 29 February 2020**. If you have any enquiries, please email me - boscocrsacraments.org.au or visit the parish website for information. Wishing you a lovely Christmas.

Kay Macadam

(For St John Bosco Parish Sacrament Team).

UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FOR 2019 NEXT FRIDAY

Please make sure you have your orders in by Friday 6th December. Any orders received after this time will be processed in 2020.

For urgent orders please email:

epsuniformshop@hotmail.com

Stage 3 Trip To Canberra

By Chiara, Lily, Torri and Abella

It was 5.30 in the morning and everyone was rushing to get on the bus to go to Canberra. We were waving goodbye to our parents who were feeling relieved that we were leaving at last. The Year Fives were on one bus and the Year Six students on the other.

The bus, which took us straight to the Rose Gardens to eat lunch, took four hours. We then went to Old Parliament House where we learnt about government and took part in role plays about the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Next we were off to the Electoral Education Centre where we learnt about democratic voting and referendums. We had a mock vote before heading off to Telstra Tower. Anyone wearing a dress or a skirt or a flowing top had to hold them down as it was so windy! Tired and excited, we headed to our accommodation and watched a student talent show. Everyone was exhausted after such a long day but it didn't stop us from talking until late!

On day two we woke up for our delicious breakfast of bacon, eggs, sausages and cereal and toast and headed off to the War Memorial. It was really peaceful as we got there before the general public. We were lucky to see a rehearsal of a ceremony being carried out by the Armed Forces in front of the Grave of the Unknown Soldier. Next it was off to the National Dinosaur Museum where we learnt about dinosaur bones and megafauna. Did you know that to find out if you are looking at a rock or a dinosaur bone, you can lick it? If it sticks to your tongue, it's probably a dinosaur bone! At the Mint we saw Titan, Penny and Robbie the robots that make the coins and we all had an opportunity to purchase a custom stamped, uncirculated coin. At the Institute of Sport we were inspired by the gymnasts training and when we saw the swimmers in the state of the art pool. We finished our visit with a play on the equipment in the Sportex Room. On day three, our last day, we headed out to Parliament House where we were able to go into the House of Representatives and the Senate. After lunch, we headed to Questacon, where we all had so much fun. The gift shop was almost as much fun as Questacon itself! We were absolutely exhausted and so were our teachers! We headed home after lunch to see our families after the best three days ever!



Summer School Sport

By Luke

School sport has suddenly become a lot more fun and interesting, with KUNG FU as one of the rotations this term.

Students have been really excited to attend the Kung Fu lessons. We've been learning all sorts of discipline and self-defence including leg kicking and arm chopping. We are always reminded that we should never use our new skills outside of the lesson and never on anyone else unless in self-defence.

Every lesson has three instructors and it is really fun with a game of dodgeball to finish off. The dodgeball really put my new Kung Fu skills to the test with all the dodging and throwing!

Overall, it has been the best sport I have ever done at school and I hope we get to do it again. I give the Kung Fu lessons 10/10. Thank you to Mrs Danne for organising school sport and thank you to the Kung Fu instructors for coming and teaching us!

For anyone that wants to give it a try, you can trial a lesson at "Head Academy Kung Fu" in Heathcote.

Visit: <https://www.jowgar.com.au/>



Year 6 Cupcake Day

Our Year 6 students showed off their baking skills this week. Students and staff got to take their pick from some amazing creations. All money raised is going towards Year 6 end of year celebrations.



SRC CHRISTMAS MUFTI DAY

As part of our ongoing support to help farmers that are suffering from the drought conditions, Engadine Public School will be holding a Christmas themed mufti day on Thursday 5th December.

On this day we are asking students to wear Christmas themed mufti clothes to school. All monetary donations on this day will go towards the delivery of water and to purchase toys for the children of drought affected communities.

This initiative is being run and supported by the Wet The West campaign.

This will be the last SRC fundraiser for 2019. Thank you to our amazing school community for all their support throughout the year.



**ENGADINE PUBLIC SCHOOL
END OF YEAR
PRESENTATION DAYS**

**Sport Presentation Day
Tuesday 10th December
12.00pm
Engadine Public School Hall**

**Presentation Day
Thursday 12th December
12.00pm
Engadine High School
Auditorium**

Families of students who are receiving awards have been notified this week by post and email.

SHARKS BASKETBALL CAMP

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 6 - 15

FOUR DAYS 9AM - 2PM
20TH - 23RD JANUARY 2020

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Heathcote High School presents

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

DRAMATISED BY JOSEPH ROBINETTE
 FROM THE STORY BY C S LEWIS

Thursday 28 Nov: 7 pm
 Friday 29 Nov: 7 pm

TICKETS ON SALE AT SCHOOL OFFICE

Adults - \$10
 Students - \$5
 Family - \$25 (2 adults + children)
 Children under 5 free

Starring former EPS Student Brooke Palmer!!



Invitation

The Not Just a Brush Committee requests the pleasure of your company at the

Not Just a Brush K-6 Visual Arts Exhibition
 "Every Artwork Takes a Journey"

Official Opening:
 Wednesday 27 November 2019 at 2pm
 Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre
 782 Kingsway, Gympie

Exhibition dates: 22 November – 4 December 2019

RSVP
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Christmas Lunch**

We would like you to join us for traditional Christmas fare and great company at the John Franklin Christmas Lunch

On Christmas Day
25TH DECEMBER – 11:30AM - 2:30PM
AT SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
ETON STREET, SUTHERLAND
COST: FREE!

The venue is located a short, easy flat walk from Sutherland Railway Station and has wheelchair access.

John Franklin lived on the streets of Sutherland. He spoke of the loneliness on Christmas Day for people such as himself before his tragic death in 2000. The John Franklin Christmas Day lunch, held in the memory of John's life for all persons wanting company on Christmas Day, is a joint initiative of the St. Patrick's and St. John's Churches at Sutherland with help from the surrounding community.

For more information, to find out how you can volunteer your time on Christmas day or Christmas eve, or where you can donate items, go to www.johnfranklinchristmaslunch.com.au, contact us on **0444 532 961** or email: jfcl2512@gmail.com



The John Franklin Christmas Lunch is generously supported by financial and in kind donations from individuals, schools, churches and commercial enterprises throughout the Sutherland Shire and neighbouring areas.



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**WE WOULD APPRECIATE
Your Help!**

Volunteers are needed to assist us on Christmas Eve to help prepare the venue for our guests on Christmas Day.

On Christmas eve
24TH DECEMBER FROM 9AM
AT SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
ETON STREET, SUTHERLAND

Donations are always welcome

Donations of the following items are always appreciated and needed:

- NEW GIFTS FOR MALE AND FEMALE OF ALL AGES
- TINNED FOODS SUCH AS ASPARAGUS, PINEAPPLE, BEETROOT, BISCUITS, CAKES AND OTHER CHRISTMAS FARE
- CASH DONATIONS (100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE OVER \$2)

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